

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:
Bartell, et al.) Confirmation No.: 9975
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Serial No.: 10/790,158)
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Filed: March 1, 2004) Art Unit: 2616
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR) Examiner: Patel, Ajit
PROTECTING COMMUNICATION)
BETWEEN A CENTRAL OFFICE AND A)
REMOTE PREMISES) Docket No.: 710101.1250

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application, Applicants submit the following remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Thomas, Kayden, Horstemeyer, & Risley, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

REMARKS

Applicants wish to express their sincere appreciation for the time that Examiner Ajit Patel spent with Applicants' undersigned Agent and Attorney during a telephone discussion on July 29, 2008, regarding the instant application. In the telephone conversation, no exhibits or prior art references were discussed. However, the features of claim 3 were discussed, and it was agreed that the application would be allowable if features similar to claim 3 were incorporated into the independent claims via amendment. Accordingly, after the telephone call, Applicants' undersigned Agent and Attorney submitted proposed amendments, which were entered via an Examiner's Amendment mailed on August 12, 2008.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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